

Kingston Township DRAFT March 2006 News

Comments from Chairman John Fink

As I sit here writing this on the 11th of February, I realized how fortunate we have been this winter that the temperatures in January were so unseasonably warm. Due to that we were all able to save a little on our heating expenses. Just imagine what they would have been like if we had a normal January along with the price increases. If we are lucky and the weather continues to cooperate, the township should realize some savings also due to not having to plow and salt roads. As a result, we'll also save on the maintenance on the roads from the effects of the freeze and thaw process.

I look forward to February, knowing that in four weeks the coldest temperatures of the winter will be behind us and that the snow and cold that we get in March tend to come in shorter spurts and not stay too long.

We are looking for a new Zoning Inspector as a result of Dave LaValle's resignation becoming effective at the end of January. On behalf of the entire Township, I want to thank Dave for the five years he gave us and wish him luck with his future endeavors at the Village of Galena. His experience was an asset in getting our Zoning Department up and running. I also want to invite anyone with a background in planning, zoning and/or code enforcement to submit a resume to the Zoning Office or our Fiscal Officer Greg Roy.

The Trustees will be making a few appointments to our Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals at the March monthly meeting. If you are interested, contact the Zoning Office or our Fiscal Officer Greg Roy.

Watch all of the local publications for information about the proposed Big Walnut YMCA. The YMCA has a good reputation and in my opinion would be an asset to the area. It would be in your best interest to seek out accurate and factual information about what the Y has to offer and how they are able to get it accomplished. I believe once you have done this you too will feel as I do.

Trustees Schedule Special Meeting

The trustees have scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. to interview candidates for the zoning inspector position and both zoning boards.

Zoning Inspector and Boards

Anyone interested in the zoning inspector position should send a resume to Township Fiscal Officer Greg Roy. Candidates should have the following experience?????

Any residents interested in serving on the Zoning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals should send a resume to Township Fiscal Officer Greg Roy.

Trustees Meeting

At the February 6 meeting, Township Fiscal Officer Greg Roy reported that the 2005 books balanced and are closed. The 2006 books are open with a \$109,218. balance.

Roy also reported that he had not advertised the zoning inspector position because he needed criteria for the ad. He will advertise the first week of February.

The Newsletter distribution bid advertising was not placed in the newspaper in January but should run in February.

The proposed web site was discussed. The County Prosecutor's Office inserted an insurance requirement that was not advertised in the original request for proposals. There were other concerns about the contract that will be addressed this month with the Prosecutor's Office.

Eldon Johnston, from the County Engineer's Office, has completed a survey of all township roads and will report next month on needed improvements.

Township Highway Superintendent Ed Moore reported that he has fixed pot holes and mail boxes. Stop Ahead and weight limit reductions signs have been posted.

He also reported that the township's mowing tractor needs a new clutch. He

Kingston Township Meetings

Township Hall, 9899 St.
Rt. 521, Rt. 521 &
Carter's Corner Rd.

Trustees

First Mondays
7:30 pm

Special
Meeting
Feb. 21

March 6

April 3

Zoning Commission

3rd Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

March 15

April 19

May 17

acquired four bids and the trustees selected Parrott Implement.

Local YMCA

The proposed \$8 million Big Walnut YMCA would include a gymnasium, indoor and outdoor pools, a fitness center, locker rooms, multipurpose rooms, and a day camp/school age care facility.

Local fund-raising is expected to contribute 6 percent of the funds needed to build the facility. Twelve percent of the funds could come from a local government land donation of at least 10 acres and improvements to the land. A local bond levy would contribute 32 percent of the funds. The YMCA would contribute 19 percent with the balance of 31 percent coming from hospital collaborations.

Zoning News

The Zoning Commission continues to discuss planned unit developments. Tom Bowlus, from PDG, met with the commission again Feb. 15 to discuss planning issues and the results of a survey sent to the trustees and both zoning boards.

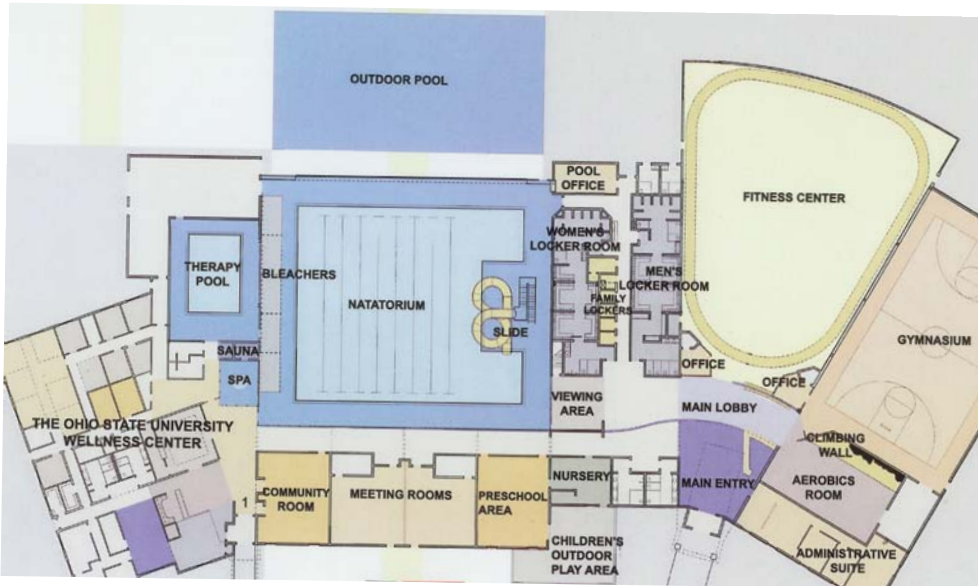
Background information is available at <http://www/poggemeyer.com/zoning/kingstontwp/>.

The Bag

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